



CCM 2012 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM supports Senate Bill 121 "An Act Concerning the Provisions of Development Services to Regional Economic Development Districts and the Authority to Pursue Economic Development Strategies."

SB 121 would require the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide funding and services to regional economic development districts and to provide these districts with certain authority needed to accomplish the goals of a comprehensive economic development strategy.

This proposal fits in well with the state's sustainable planning goals in that it would help: (1) establish coordinated planning between municipalities and the state, so that there are agreed upon regional strategies and policies for dealing with the regional impacts of economic growth; and (2) support local and regional economic development efforts and endeavors to create new products, services, and businesses that will expand the wealth and job opportunities for people of all social and economic levels.

Local officials want to work in partnership with the state to help spur greater economic growth and sustainable planning in Connecticut.

CCM urges you to **favorably report this bill.**



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